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Sir:

Applicant claims right of priority under the provisions of 35 USC § 119 based on French Patent Application No. FR 0012494, filed 29 September 2000.

A certified copy of this application is enclosed. This priority application is identified in the Supplemental Declaration filed herewith.

Applicant requests that priority be granted on the basis of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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